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SUBJECT: ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN YEMEN

1. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT GORDON HODGSON AT 3034 BEECH-WOOD LANE, FALLS CHURCH VAN VIRGINIA AND INFORM HIM THAT HIS LETTER OF JUNE 21 JUST ARRIVED. ASSURE HIM THAT THE EMBASSY AND I ARE PREPARED TO HELP IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS BETWEEN THE YEMBCI GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF MAN (AFSM) CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN YEMEN AS WELL AS MAJOR EXCAVATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

2. BEFORE CONTACTING THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE SURVEY WILL COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND IF THE AFSM IS PREPARED TO COVER ALL THE EXPENSES OF SUCH A SURVEY AS WELL AS ANY SUBSEQUENT ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS. ALSO IS THE AFSM PREPARED TO OFFER ANY TRAINING, SCHOLARSHIPS OR FELLOWSHIPS FOR YEMENIS? (SUCH AN OFFER WOULD MAKE AN AFSM PROPOSAL EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT.)

3. FINALLY WOULD HE PROVIDE ME WITH ALL PERTINENT FACTS ON THE ALLEGATION THAT ARTIFACTS WERE SMUGGLED OUT OF MARIB DURING THE WENDELL PHILLIPS EXPEDITION. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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STORY CONTINUES TO BE BELIEVED AND IN FACT THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT IS DEMANDING THE RETURN OF THESE OBJECTS WHICH THEY CONSIDER WERE STOLEN. I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO DISABUSE THE YEMENIS ON THIS SUBJECT RIGHT FROM THE OUTSET. OTHERWISE I DOUBT THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE.

4. I HOPE IN A FEW DAYS TO BE ABLE TO INFORM MR.
HODGSON WHEN HE SHOULD TRAVEL TO YEMEN. IN THE MEAN-
TIME HE SHOULD CONTACT MAGUIRE GIBSON OF THE O
IENTAL
INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WHO WAS IN YEMEN
LAST SPRING AND WHO IS ALSO INTERESTED IN INITIATING
ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN YEMEN. (APART FROM CHICAGO, I
KNOW OF NO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, AMERICAN OR EUROPEAN,
WHICH ARE CONSIDERING ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEYS OR EXCAVATIONS
IN YEMEN AT THIS TIME.) AS A LAYMAN IT WOULD APPEAR TO
ME THAT COOPERATION AMONG VARIOUS AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS
WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ARCHEOLOGY
AND SCIENCE AS WELL AS TO ASSURE THAT THE BEST POSSIBLE
ADVANTAGE IS TAKEN OF WHAT ARE ALWAYS LIMITED RESOURCES
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